

Wisconsin/DOD P2 Alliance
Meeting Minutes
Volk Field, WI
Tuesday, 10 May 2005

1. PLACE—The meeting was called to order at 1000 at the lodging and conference center at Volk Field. Al Balliett chaired the meeting, and Tony Nesky served as recorder.
2. INTRODUCTIONS/OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS—Participants went around the table and introduced themselves. Al Balliett announced that he has been given additional duties. He is now the utilities chief of Ft. McCoy. CPT Doug Sveum opened the meeting with an informational video on Volk Field activities.
3. AGENDA—See Attachment 1.
4. ATTENDANCE—
 - Phil Kaplan, USEPA (by telephone)
 - Mike Miller, Ft. McCoy
 - Al Balliett, Ft. McCoy
 - Mark Schwartze, 88th RSC
 - Tony Nesky, Army Northern Regional Environmental Office
 - Doug Yocum, Air Force Reserves
 - Jack Annis, Wisconsin Solid and Hazardous Waste Center
 - Jerry Rodenberg, WI DNR
 - CPT Doug Sveum, WI Air National Guard
5. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE—Mike Miller of Ft. McCoy is joining the Alliance so that the post will have more than one member available to participate in meetings. No one from the WI Army National Guard was able to attend; Army Guard participation in the Alliance may be difficult in coming months if additional units are deployed. Phil Kaplan had called Corazon Mata of the Air Force Reserves to explain the purpose and activities of the Alliance, and to encourage participation. Doug Yocum represented the Air Force Reserves during this meeting.
6. MEETING MINUTES—Minutes from the 15 February 2005 meeting were approved.
7. WEBSITE UPDATE—Minutes will be added to the website after they are approved. The 2004 Achievement Report and 2005 Workplan have been added to the website.
8. AWARDS—During the February 2005 meeting, Alliance members approved an award for Carl L. Hintz and SGT Mark J. Bentley of the USARC 387th Engineer Battalion because they exceeded the requirements of their duties by preparing detailed, highly effective corrective action plan in response to an internal environmental assessment of Ladysmith USARC in 2004. The Alliance still has to prepare a certificate for them.

Ft. McCoy will nominate a construction contractor for an award. In a pilot project, the contractor recycled tons of concrete and other building materials during the demolition of the old Exchange. This pilot project was a success, and the recycling procedures will be incorporated into all construction projects at Fort McCoy.

9. **SUCCESS STORIES**—Doug Sveum submitted a success story on the bioremediation project at Volk Field in the form of a Power Point presentation. The Power Point presentation will be posted on the website.

Fort McCoy may have several major success stories by the end of this year. Eight of 15 clean-ups have been closed-out, and four more close-outs are expected shortly. The Fort anticipates closing out all but one clean-up by the end of the year (assuming that state regulators agree). One long-term clean-up, an old sanitary landfill, will require monitoring for 30 years, but Fort McCoy believes it could provide state regulators with justification for a reduced monitoring schedule.

Fort McCoy has also invested in a new paint stripping system that uses high-pressure water instead of aluminum oxide. The closed-loop system would eliminate the generation of many tons of hazardous waste. The system is still being set up; Fort McCoy will submit a success story and host an Alliance meeting to demonstrate it after it is fully operational.

10. **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/PRESS RELEASES**—Ft. McCoy will launch a website on its environmental management system (EMS). The Fort is considering making parts of it open to the public. The Fort McCoy *Triad* ran an article on the EMS. Jack Annis asked if he could re-run the article in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center newsletter. Mike Miller will ask Fort McCoy's Public Affairs Office for permission to do so.
11. **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**— Participants discussed the possibility of obtaining EMS Lead Auditor training for Wisconsin installations. Jack Annis mentioned that the University of Wisconsin is capable of providing this training. Tony Nesky said that the Army and Air Force cooperated to provide similar training in Ohio, and could arrange a course in Wisconsin. Al Balliett said that Ft. McCoy would be willing to host the training. Tony Nesky thought that holding the training in Madison or Milwaukee would be more accessible to DoD installations outside Wisconsin. Partnership members will hold a conference call to discuss the possibility of arranging EMS Lead Auditor training.
12. **OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENTS/P2 ACTIVITIES**— In response to a request from Alliance members, Jack Annis handed out a document listing potential areas for opportunity assessments. He also handed out an audit checklist. Jack believes that Alliance has already completed most of these activities.

Mark Miller reported that Fort McCoy has found a recycler who accepts compact discs. The charge is 2¢ per disk.

13. USE OF EMS INFORMATION TO PLAN FUTURE ACTIVITIES—Tony Nesky mentioned that other state/DoD partnerships planned to use their EMS “aspects and impacts” to plan future activities. Participants discussed this idea and decided that Alliance members roll their aspects and impacts into a table to identify commonalities. Alliance members can then network with each other to reduce impacts and plan future Alliance projects.
14. HISTORICAL FILE—Pete Shuster has been keeping the file up to date.
15. SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES—Jerry Rodenberg spoke about last March’s Michigan Federal Facilities Workshop and Region 5 Executive Session. Fort Bragg had given a presentation on making the base sustainable, and the long-term sustainability of DoD operations was discussed during the Region 5 Executive Session. Participants discussed ongoing efforts of Fort McCoy, Volk Field and Hardwood Range to cooperate with the local communities, and the fact that there are several state legislative initiatives on land-use planning around military bases. Jack Annis mentioned that the University of Wisconsin extension program offers instruction in “Smart Growth” and land-use planning. Participating Alliance members said they would like this to be a topic of a future meeting. Installation planners and engineers should be invited to this meeting.
16. NEXT MEETING—The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 8 November 2005 in the Madison area. WI DNR will try to reserve the Lassiter Center.

TASKINGS—

- Submit an award nomination for the Ft. McCoy construction contractor—*Al Balliett or Mark Miller*
- Prepare an award certificate for Carl L. Hintz and SGT Mark J. Bentley of the USARC 387th Engineer Battalion—*Jerry Rodenburg*
- Obtain a speaker on land use planning and “Smart Growth”—*Jack Annis and Jerry Rodenburg.*
- Hold a conference call to determine if EMS Lead Auditor training is needed, and to begin preliminary planning—*Tony Nesky, Al Balliett, Jack Annis, and any other interested members.*
- Send top list of EMS aspects and impacts to Tony Nesky—*all Alliance members who have already developed this list.*
- Submit a success story on the 961st Engineer Battalion—*Kevin Devenport.*
- Bring success stories, award nominations and ideas for activities to the next meeting—*All.*

AGENDA

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1000-1045 Alliance Roundtable Discussions

- Opening Remarks/Announcements
- Introductions
- Confirm Meeting Roles (leader, recorder)
- Review Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
- Action Item Review
 - o Membership Update
 - o Web Site Update
 - o Alliance Awards Update
 - o Success Stories
 - Bioremediation at Volk Field—possible story
 - 961st Engineer Battalion
 - o Training Opportunities
 - o Opportunity Assessments
 - List of Topic Areas
 - o Community Involvement Activities
 - o Historical File 04-05

1045-1200 P2 Alliance Future Activities

- Specific Activities to be Undertaken
- Use of EMS Information to Plan Future Activities
- Training Needs/Opportunities
- Opportunity Assessments
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- Next Meeting Agenda
 - o Time and Place for Next Meeting
 - o Assign Meeting Roles (leader, recorder)

1200-1300 Lunch on Your Own at Volk Field

1300-1400 Tour of Hardwood Range

1400 Adjourn